



THE DESTIN CHARITY WINE AUCTION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES DETAILS FOR THE 2017 AUCTION HOSTED APRIL 28 – 30 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL IN GRAND BOULEVARD

Tickets to the Destin Charity Wine Auction go on sale today at noon

DESTIN, FL. - Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation (DCWAF) is pleased to announce the details of the 2017 Auction weekend, hosted April 28 – 30. Advanced pricing for Patron Packages starts at \$2,250 and will go on sale to the public today, November 1 at noon by visiting www.DCWAF.org. Listed among the "Top Ten Wine Auctions in the U.S." by *Wine Spectator Magazine*, the Destin Charity Wine Auction connects wine enthusiasts with preeminent winemakers to help children in need in Northwest Florida.

This year's auction will feature a powerhouse line-up of vintners from around the world including Massolino, Hartford Family Vineyards, Marchesi Antinori, Gamble Family Vineyards, Alpha Omega Winery, Staglin Family Vineyard, Dunn Family Vineyards, Joseph Phelps Vineyards and many more. All confirmed vintners and celebrity chefs are listed online at DCWAF.org/pairings. More vintners and chefs will be released in the coming months as the auction approaches.

"We are extremely pleased with the vintners that have committed for the 2017 Destin Charity Wine Auction," said DCWAF President, John Russell. "With the growth and reputation of our auction, along with our partnership with the South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival, we have seen a significant increase in the desire of well known, high quality producers asking to attend our events."

Patrons attending the Destin Charity Wine Auction can expect a weekend filled with exclusive wines and excellent food from a variety of celebrity chefs beginning Friday night, April 28 with the patron dinner experience. Each year, patron dinners are hosted in the most exquisite homes and restaurants on the Emerald Coast. Each dinner features a nationally recognized chef paired with world-class vintners. This evening provides a unique opportunity for patrons to interact with fellow wine enthusiasts while enjoying innovative cuisine and the world's best wines. Each dinner benefits one of Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation's 15 partner charities.

The Destin Charity Wine Auction is the main event of the weekend, beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The Reserve Tasting and Live Auction are held under an air- conditioned tent

at Grand Boulevard Sandestin Town Center. The event will feature distinctive wines from internationally acclaimed vintners, poured and paired with cuisine created by a selection of the area's top local restaurants. The Reserve Tasting is accompanied by a super silent auction as well as an almost live auction featuring wine, autographed large format bottles, art and more. The event culminates with a high-energy live auction, which includes rare and distinctive wines, spectacular trips and other incredible one-of-a-kind items.

The Destin Charity Auction is hosted each year in conjunction with the South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival, which also takes place in Grand Boulevard Sandestin Town Center the same weekend. Guests attending the auction will also have the opportunity to attend the festival on Sunday afternoon. In its fifth year, the South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival boasts over 800 wines available to taste along with a diverse selection of bites located in the Culinary Village that deliver a world class wine experience to each guest throughout the weekend.

To learn more about the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation and the ultimate wine weekend in South Walton, visit www.dcwaf.org.

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